

(a) whether Government propose to become a funding partner in US Fulbright Programme;

(b) if so, the details of the programme; and

(c) the number of Indian students expected to be benefited under this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Amount released under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

3398. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as on 10th November 2006, the total amount released during 2006-07 under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) was only 38 per cent of the total outlay approved for the year;

(b) if so, the reasons for low releases during the year;

(c) the details of the constraints/bottlenecks; if any, faced in achieving the approved outlays and the measures taken to address the lacunae; and

(d) the reasons that culminated into low disbursements in states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, H.P., Manipur and Pondicherry which received only 33 per cent, 22 per cent, 26 per cent, 0.14 per cent and 0 per cent respectively, of the overall outlays?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) In 2006-07 against an available budget of Rs. 11000 crore, funds to the tune of Rs. 7946.04 Crore were released under the SSA programme, representing 72.23%. Funds are released to States/UTs keeping in view unspent balances and receipt of matching the State shares.

Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh & Pondicherry had significant amount of carry forward of funds from the previous year which

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was taken into account at the time of Government of India's release of first installments. Manipur's pace of implementation of SSA programme has been very slow with large unspent balances which did not warrant further releases by GOI.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Bihar

†3399. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of such Kendriya Vidyalayas in Bihar, which are not having their own buildings;

(b) by when the said school buildings would be constructed to provide appropriate education to the students of such schools;

(c) whether the Kendriya Vidyalayas located in Buxar is also not having its own building; and

(d) if so, the measures Government are taking to provide building for this school?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The details of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Bihar which do not have their own building are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(b) The action for construction of permanent school building is initiated by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) only after transfer of land in favour of KVS by State Government or any other sponsoring authority. It generally takes 2 to 3 years for construction of permanent school building by the construction agencies.

(c) The Vidyalaya at Buxar does not have its own building.

(d) KVS has taken up the issue of transfer of land with the State Government of Bihar.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.